

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 as follows
(see the accompanying "marked up" version pursuant to §1.121):

On page 2, bridging page 3, delete the fourth paragraph and insert the
new fourth paragraph as follows:

a 1 In a preferred embodiment, the invention provides a system for purchasing lottery tickets over the Internet comprising at least one server and at least one computer connected to the at least one server via the Internet. The at least one server hosts at least one virtual group of lottery ticket purchasers, and stores group information for the at least one virtual group. The at least one server also stores lottery information about at least one lottery. The at least one server causes the lottery tickets to be purchased for the purchasers according to the group information and the lottery information. The at least one server then communicates the results of the purchases of lottery tickets to the purchasers on the basis of the group information.

On page 3, delete the second paragraph and insert the new second paragraph as follows:

a 2 In another embodiment, the invention provides a method for purchasing lottery tickets over the Internet in a system including at least one server and at least